



# News Release

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## ADGP welcomes Kate Carnell as new CEO

The Chair of the Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) Dr Rob Walters announced today that Ms Kate Carnell will join ADGP as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Dr Walters welcomed the appointment of Ms Carnell, a pharmacist who has an extensive background in health, to the position.

“Ms Carnell has a passion for health and her energy and enthusiasm will help steer the Divisions of General Practice Network forward, Dr Walters said.

“Her appointment to the position comes at a time when the Divisions Network and the primary health care sector is undergoing major reforms.”

“Ms Carnell was Chief Minister for the ACT from 1995 to 2000 and held numerous ministerial positions.”

“In her capacity as Minister for Health and Community Care, Ms Carnell’s Government oversaw many reforms to achieve improved health outcomes, and implemented Australia’s first integrated health care information system. She was also vice president of Pharmacy Guild and is the first woman to be awarded life membership of the Guild.”

“Ms Carnell will play an important role in ensuring that grass-roots GPs, through their local Division of General Practice and ADGP, can have the opportunity to influence the development of primary health care policy in Australia for the good of the profession and the community it serves,” Dr Walters said.

Former CEO Dr Steve Clark left ADGP in July to pursue a new career opportunity.

Dr Walters said that Ms Carnell will be taking up her new position with ADGP in October.

*ADGP is the peak body of the Divisions of General Practice Network which links 95 per cent of GPs across Australia in a national structure that supports general practice and improves community access to primary care. This Network is the key to integrating general practice with other sectors of the health system, both government and non-government, to deliver high quality care to the Australian community.*

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